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Sen. Rodríguez's Statement on Texas Supreme Court ruling in school finance case

Austin - Sen. Rodriguez, Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, released the following statement regarding the Texas Supreme Court ruling released this morning:

At a time when some school districts can pour tens of millions of dollars into football stadiums when other districts struggle to provide basic instructional materials, it's clear the school finance system does not provide for equitable and efficient distribution of knowledge. The court has abdicated its role in school finance litigation, reversing decades of precedent to defer to the Legislature despite overwhelming evidence of poor achievement including test scores, dropout rates, and graduation rates, especially as it relates to English Language and Economically Disadvantaged students.

Now that the issue is back to the Legislature, it's incumbent on the people of Texas to join the fight for their future, which depends on how well we prepare the next generation. Public schools have been a hallmark of American greatness for a century, and they will be the source of our future success or failure.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.